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SUBJECT: PROPOSED DRUG ABUSE SEMINAR

REFERENCE: BANGKOK 0514

1. AMBASSADOR VANCE (S/NM) AND DR. DUPONT (SAODAP) REQUEST THAT EMBASSY CONVEY TO DR. PRASOP THEIR APPRECIATION OF HIS WILLINGNESS TO COOPERATE ON SEMINAR. WE ALSO UNDERSND FROM LAUSANNE-BASED ORGANIZERS OF INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS ON ALCOHOLISM AND DRUG DEPENDENCE (ICADD) THAT PRASOP WILLING TO PERMIT THAI-US CO-HOSTED AND CO-SPONSORED SEMINAR. IN ORDER EFFECT THIS COOPERATION, REQUEST EMBASSY DISCUSS SEMINAR PLANS WITH PRASOP ALONG FOLLOWING LINES.

2. DATES: WE WOULD PROPOSE THAT SEMINAR BEGIN SUNDAY EVENING MARCH 2 WITH INFORMAL GET-TOGETHER AND THAT WORKING SESSIONS BE HELD FROM MONDAY MARCH 3 THROUGH AFTERNOON OF FRIDAY MARCH 7.
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3. PURPOSE AND CONTENT: SEMINAR SHOULD, WE BELIEVE CONCERN THE PROVISION OF TREATMENT AND REHABILITATION SERVICES TO ADDICTS. THIS SHOULD INCLUDE A DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF SUCH PROGRAMS ALREADY EXISTING IN SEA; BASIC ISSUES AND PRINCIPLES OF TREATMENT AND REHABILITATION; STAFF TRAINING; AND THE USE OF RESOURCES AND EVALUATION TECHNIQUES.

INSTRUCTORS: WE ARE PREPARED TO PROVIDE INSTRUCTORS FOR SOME OF THE ABOVE TOPICS AND CAN RECOMMEND NAMES OF ADDITIONAL SPEAKERS FROM THAILAND AND OTHER SEA COUNTRIES WHO PLAN TO ATTEND ICADD'DETAILS OF SEMINAR AGENDA AND SPEAKER ASSIGNMENTS CAN BE ARRANGED DURING FIRST DAY OF ICADD. (FYI:TWO WEEK LEAD TIME MENTIONED BY PRASOP IN BANGKOK 514 UNNECESSARY PROVIDED ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT OF SEMINAR PREVIOUSLY ARRANGED.)

5. INVITEES: PRASOP MAY ALREADY HAVE INVITED PERSONS FROM THAILAND. IF NOT, WE BELIEVE DR. AROON (MILITARY HOSPITAL BANGKOK) AND DR. NIMB (THANYARAK HOSPITAL) COULD SUGGEST ADDITIONAL NAMES OF APPROPRIATE THAI ATTENDEES. AS CONCERNS INVITEES FROM OTHER SEA COUNTRIES, WE WOULD APPRECIATE NAMES OF THOSE PRASOP HAS ALREADY INVITED, IF ANY. IF ADDITIONAL NAMES REQUIRED, WE ARE PREPARED TO QUERY OUR EMBASSIES IN THOSE COUNTRIES. TO PERMIT EFFECTIVE PLANNING, WE HOPE PRASOP WOULD PROVIDE BREAKDOWN OF ATTENDEES BY JOB TITLE. FOR MAXIMUM IMPACT ON TREAT-MENT PERSONNEL, IT WOULD BE PREFERABLE EXCLUDE LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICIALS.

6. VENUE: WE UNDERSTAND FROM ICADD ORGANIZERS IN LAUSANNE THAT PRASOP WOULD BE WILLING TO HOLD SEMINAR IN BANGKOK IN LIEU OF PATTAYA BEACH. WE WOULD LOOK TO PRASOP TO LOCATE SUITABLE SEMINAR FACILITIES IN BANGKOK (POSSIBLY IN SAME HOTEL AS ICADD SESSIONS). WE WILLING FUND COST OF SUCH FACILITIES.

7. INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL OF INVITEES: TO MEET PRASOP REQUEST (REFTEL), WE WILLING FUND ROUNDTRIP ECONOMY AIRFARE FOR TWO PARTICIPANTS EACH FROM CAMBODIA, LAOS, BURMA AND SRI LANKA PROVIDED THEY HAVE BONA FIDE RE-
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SPONSIBILITY FOR DRUG ABUSE TREATMENT IN THEIR COUNTRIES AND PROVIDED COLOMBO PLAN DOES NOT PROVIDE ASSISTANCE REQUESTED BY PRASOP. WE ALSO PREPARED PAY PER DIEM AT USG RATE TO ALL APPROVED PARTICIPANTS NOT RESIDENTS OF BANGKOK.

8. LANGUAGE: REQUEST PRASOP'S ADVICE ON LANGUAGE OF SEMINAR. WE W0ULD PREFER HAVE SEMINAR LIMITED TO ENGLISH TO AVOID COST OF SIMULTANEOUS TRANSLATION.

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9. FUNDING: WE WOULD PROVIDE FISCAL DATA WITH WHICH EMBASSY COULD PAY SEMINAR BILLS. LEE I. DOGOLOFF, DIRECTOR, COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE DIVISION, NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF DRUG ABUSE (NIDA), HEW, PLANS ARRIVE BANGKOK BY OPENING ICADD AND THUS IN TIME TO ARRANGE DETAILS OF SEMINAR. HE WOULD

HAVE AUTHORITY TO APPROVE BILLS FOR PAYMENT.

10. IN VIEW OF SHORT LEAD TIME REMAINING, WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR OBTAINING PRASOP'S REACTION TO ABOVE PROPOSALS SOONEST. ALSO REQUEST NAME AND TELEPHONE NUMBERS OF EMBASSY OFFICER COORDINATING THIS PROJECT. KISSINGER

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